

SPECIAL MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL  
October 25, 2010

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the special meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Haddad, Keane, Kochenburger, Lindsey, Moran, Paterson, Paulhus, Ryan, Schaefer

II. WORK SESSION

1. Sustainability Considerations for School Siting

Sustainability Committee members Lynn Stoddard and Holly Matthews presented an overview of a matrix created by the Committee which examines issues regarding the siting of schools with respect to sustainability.

(Matrix attached)

Council members discussed the role of cost/ affordability, potential conflicts between competing goals, the possible closing of a neighborhood anchor, and the pros and cons of locating a school in a rural or a more developed area of Town.

2. School Building Project

Director of Planning Gregory Padick updated members on staff contacts with the owners of two properties adjacent to the Goodwin School. Neither owner has committed either way.

Ms. Moran moved to authorize the Town to proceed to inquire about the land under consideration near the Goodwin School and to use normal town resources, including the cost of the architect, to see if the sites might be feasible. If additional funding is needed the Town Manager will seek authorization from the Council.

Seconded by Mr. Haddad the motion passed unanimously.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

No comments were offered

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

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